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which said display portion is formed.

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 29, 2002. Reexamination in light of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 5-7, 11, 13-20, 23-29, 31, 37, 43-48 are currently pending in this application, with claims 3 and 25 being independent. No new matter has been added.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Final Office Action of on November 29, 2002 indicates that the information referred to within the Information Disclosure Statement of September 16, 2002 has not been considered.

In response, the Information Disclosure Statement of September 16, 2002 submits a translated copy of the International Search Report (ISR) of PCT/JP99/01441 mailed on August 28, 2000. Please note, however, that the documents cited within the International Search Report were previously listed on Form PTO-1449 filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on June 8, 2000, and that consideration of the cited documents filed on June 8,

2000 was noted within the Office Action of Paper No. 5, mailed on August 17, 2001. Thus, the information has been considered.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 38 and 40-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In response, while not conceding the propriety of this rejection and in order to advance prosecution, claims 38 and 40-42 have been canceled, rendering this rejection as moot.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-12 and 17-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,825,203 issued to Takeda et al. (Takeda).

Claims 13-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as allegedly being obvious over Takeda in view of U.S. Patent 5,936,617 issued to Uchino et al. (Uchino).

These rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

As an initial matter, claims 1-2, 10, 12-13, 21-22, 30, 32-

36, 38-42 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their underlying subject matter, rendering these rejections moot as to these claims.

Furthermore, the features of claim 13 have been wholly incorporated into claim 3 to form amended claim 3. Thus, prior claim 13 is now amended claim 3.

Prior claim 13 has been previously rejected within the Final Office Action under 35 U.S.C. 103 as allegedly being obvious over Takeda in view of Uchino. However, please note that the above-identified application and Uchino were, at the time the invention of the above-identified application was made, owned by Sony Corporation of Tokyo, Japan. Note that changes made to 35 U.S.C. 103(c) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) permit the exclusion of commonly owned subject matter in applications filed on or after November 29, 1999. Thus, Uchino is unavailable as prior art in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103. See 35 U.S.C. 103(c).

Within claim 25 and the claims dependent thereon, the quantity of remainder driver circuit output terminals is defined as $(S - (OP * (DC-1)))$, "S" being the quantity of said plurality of signal lines, "OP" being the quantity of general driver

circuit output terminals, and "DC" being the quantity of said plurality of driver circuits, wherein the quantity of general driver circuit output terminals is different than the quantity of remainder driver circuit output terminals.

Regarding the use of Takeda, calculations provided within the Final Office Action arguably teach a quantity of general driver circuit output terminals in Takeda being the same as a quantity of remainder driver circuit output terminals.

However, the claimed invention provides that the quantity of general driver circuit output terminals is different than the quantity of remainder driver circuit output terminals. This feature is not found within Takeda.

Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

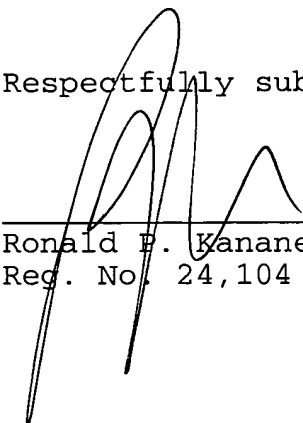
If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753 or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

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